

REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated March 10, 2004, the Examiner advised that the proposed amendments included in Applicant's response filed January 30, 2004 would not be entered because they raised new issues. Applicant hereby submits this amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) re-presenting the amendments of Applicant's January 30 response, which were not previously entered.

More particularly, claims 1, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 17 are amended herein, as described further below. Claims 6 and 16 are canceled without prejudice herein. No new matter is added by these claim amendments.

Claim 1 is amended herein to include the limitations originally presented in claim 6, which depended directly from claim 1. That is, claim 1 now recites "capturing video data of said target scan area" and "displaying said captured video data on a display" as previously presented in dependent claim 6. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to effectively re-write claim 6 in independent form. As such, claim 6 is canceled without prejudice.

Independent claim 10 is amended herein to include the limitations originally presented in claim 16, which depended directly from claim 10. That is, claim 10 now recites "wherein said linear sensor receives a non-folded optical path of light reflected from said object" as previously presented in dependent claim 16. Accordingly, claim 10 is amended to effectively re-write claim 16 in independent form. As such, claim 16 is canceled without prejudice. Claim 10 is further amended for clarity by replacing all references to "original image" and to "original" with "object." This amendment is not intended to be narrowing but if anything, is intended as a broadening amendment to clarify that the imaged item may be any type of "object" and is not limited to imaging an original image. Dependent claims 12, 13 and 14 are similarly amended to recite "object" rather than "original".

Independent claim 17 is amended herein to recite "means for capturing video data of said target scan area for providing a video preview of the target scan area before said imaging means captures an image of said target scan area."

For the reasons further detailed in Applicant's January 30 response, the claims as amended herein are believed to be allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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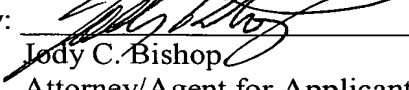
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